



## Ronald C. Gaertner

April 12, 1938 - July 10, 2018

Ronald C. Gaertner,

80, of Greenwood, passed away July 10, 2018. He was born April 12, 1938 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Carl and Dorothy Johnson Gaertner. Ron was a 1956 graduate of Arsenal Tech High School. He retired from Amtrak as Director of Technical Training in 1995 after 31 years of service. Ron was a train enthusiast and a member of the Indiana Live Steamers and the Indiana Transportation Museum. He was also an Amateur Ham Radio Operator-WB9NVM. Ron was a lifelong member and supporter of Calvary Tabernacle and Calvary Christian School where he served on the Board of Directors for many years.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 15, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Road, and Monday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service at 10:00 a.m.

Ron is survived by three sons, Richard Gaertner (Pamela), Roderick Gaertner, Robert Gaertner (Karen); two stepdaughters, Ramona Ingham (Scott) and Michelle Waddell (Scott); 14 grandchildren, Nathan and Jeremy Gaertner, Marciel Parke, Nikole and Bradley Gaertner, Ashton, Jasmine and Victoria Ingham, Afton, Alexander, Andrew, Adam, Arik and Amelia Waddell; three great-grandchildren, August, Nixon and Florence; and a brother, Carl Gaertner (Sherrie). A brother, David Gaertner, preceded him in death. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Calvary Christian School, 3639 S. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson  
Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Road.

# Cemetery Details

## Youngs Creek Cemetery

South Mauxferry Road  
Franklin, IN 46131

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **15**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel  
3333 E. Thompson Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46227  
(317) 783-3315  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

LW

“ *Railroad Brother, you are missed, but never forgotten. Everything On A Flanged Wheel.... -L.S. Walters*

L.S. Walters - July 17, 2018 at 05:10 PM

LW

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



L.S. Walters - July 17, 2018 at 04:07 PM

TN

“ *Ron was a role model to me during my training and certification as a brakeman and conductor on the ex-Nickel Plate Road line between northern Indianapolis and Tipton. I will always remember his kindness, some of his many stories I was fortunate to hear, and his sense of humor. May he rest in peace. "Now, get out of my yard!"*

Tom Nichols - July 15, 2018 at 02:15 PM

CR

“ *Ron was a friend and gentleman he will be missed.*  
*Charles Robbins*



Charles Robbins - July 15, 2018 at 02:05 PM

NG

“ *Nikole Gaertner lit a candle in memory of Ronald C. Gaertner*



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**Nikole Gaertner** - July 14, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ronald C. Gaertner.*



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July 14, 2018 at 12:27 PM

JC

“ *Joyce E Campbell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald C. Gaertner.*



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**Joyce E Campbell** - July 13, 2018 at 10:51 PM

MG

“ *Main ST Grille purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ronald C. Gaertner.*



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**Main ST Grille** - July 13, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald C. Gaertner.



July 12, 2018 at 01:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald C. Gaertner.



July 11, 2018 at 08:56 PM



“ LEONARD & Catherine RUSIN lit a candle in memory of Ronald C. Gaertner



**LEONARD & Catherine RUSIN** - July 11, 2018 at 05:56 PM



*One of the great people that taught our kids and us about trains.*

**LEONARD & Catherine RUSIN** - July 11, 2018 at 05:59 PM

JM

*When my son Austin was about 8 years old, we went to the ITM to see the trains. Ron was repositioning cars, and asked us if we wanted to ride in the cab with him. What a blast that was!*

*Now Austin is 26 years old, and in the process of saving and restoring some old train cars from the ITM's collection that may have been scrapped due to their eviction from Forest Park.*

*Ron helped Austin in his love affair with trains, and I've learned a lot about them myself. Also he was one of the friendliest people I've met. Thanks for the ride, Ron, and God Bless.*

*Jerry Mace  
Noblesville, IN*

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**Jerry Mace** - July 12, 2018 at 10:03 AM

JB

*I will always remember his kindness and friendship to all of us in the private car group that attended his classes at Beech Grove . His mentoring and oversight was always appreciated.*

*Over the years I got to know Ron and meet his sons while in Indy on business . We became good friends , and i looked forward to our shared railroad adventures over the years . We clocked a lot of Amtrak miles together on various equipment .*

*It was thanks to Ron that I was introduced to the live steamer group and also to many of his friends up at the railroad museum at Noblesville .*

*It was an honor to know him , and be one of his friends .*

*Hi Ball Ron , it's all green boards now old friend .*

*ATSF 800156 / out*

*John Baldwin  
San Francisco, Ca .*

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**John Baldwin** - July 12, 2018 at 10:23 PM